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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of: )  
Mikio Onodera et al. )  
Serial No. To be Assigned )  
Filing Date: Herewith )  
For Force Feedback Functioning Manual Input Device )  
and Onboard Instrument Control System Having It )

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-identified application, please amend the application as follows:

**In the Drawings**

Please replace Figure 1 with the corrected Figure 1 enclosed herewith. The correction to the figure has been marked in red. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner approve the correction. Applicants will submit corrected formal drawings upon receiving a Notice of Allowance.

**In the Claims**

Please rewrite Claim 1 as follows:

1. (Amended) A manual input device comprising a joystick type knob and a rotary knob that are disposed coaxially, a first actuator to load an external force on the joystick type knob, a second actuator to load an external force on the rotary knob, a first detector to detect an operation state of the joystick type knob, and a second detector to detect an operation state of the rotary knob.

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